

REMARKS

Applicant has carefully studied the outstanding Official Action. The present response is intended to be fully responsive to all points of rejection raised by the Examiner and is believed to place the application in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

In this application, claims 27-36 are currently pending. Claims 1-26 were previously cancelled. In the present response, none of the claims are amended. Applicant has included a copy of the present claims as Appendix A for the convenience of the Examiner.

Claims 27-36 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bell (U.S. Published Patent Application No. 20050280502) in view of Sheha et al (U.S. Published Patent Application No. 20030016804).

Bell describes a system and method for obtaining information relating to a person without face-to-face, verbal or other contact. Sheha describes a system and method for providing real-time position information of one party to another party by utilizing a conventional telecommunication network system such as the convention telephone network, a mobile telecommunications network, a computer network, or the Internet.

Applicant respectfully submits that, as discussed further below, the combination of Bell and Sheha does not show or suggest the introductions system of the present invention, as recited in claim 27, including, inter alia, a server communicating with said plurality of mobile communicators, where the server is operative, following provision to a first user of personal information relating to a second user and provision to the second user of the personal information relating to the first user, to enable communication between said first and second user via said first user's mobile communicator and said second user's mobile communicator.

In response to the Applicant's arguments, the Examiner wrote:

"The Applicant argues that Bell in view of Sheha does not disclose, teach or suggest '(1) communication between a first and a second user

via the first user's mobile communicator; (2) operative, following provision to said first user of said personal information relating to said second user and provision to said second user of said personal information relating to said first user, to enable communication between said first and second user via said first user's mobile communicator and said second user's mobile communicator.'

First, Bell in view of Sheha clearly teach (1) communication between (see Bell, [0005] lines 1-4) a first (fig. 1, item 12) and a second user (item 22) via the first user's mobile communicator and the second user's mobile communicator (see Bell, [0106]-[0107]).

Second, Bell in view of Sheha clearly teach (2) operative, following provision to said first user (item 12) of said personal information (image/phone/email) relating to said second user (item 22) and provision to said second user (item 22) of said personal information (image/phone/email/personal data) relating to said first user (see Bell, fig. 2, [0106]-[0107]), to enable communication between (see Bell, [0005] lines 1-4) said first (item 12) and second user (item 22) via said first user's mobile communicator ([0055] the personal data may comprise a standardized format such as that used for V-card business card exchange and see fig. 1) and said second user's mobile communicator (see Bell, [0106]-[0107])." (Current Office Action, pages 2-3)

Applicant respectfully disagrees. The introductions system of the present invention, as recited in claim 27, includes, inter alia, a server communicating with a plurality of mobile communicators, where **the server is operative**, following provision to a first user of personal information relating to a second user and provision to the second user of the personal information relating to the first user, **to enable communication between said first and second user via said first user's mobile communicator and said second user's mobile communicator.** (emphasis added)

In contrast to the present invention, as recited in claim 27, the system of Bell does not show or suggest a server operative to enable communication between a

first user's communicator and a second user's communicator. Bell includes two different embodiments, shown in Fig. 1 and Fig. 2, respectively. The embodiment of Fig. 1 includes communication between a first user's mobile communicator and a second user's mobile communicator but does not show or suggest a server operative, following provision of personal information, to enable communication between said first and second user via said first user's mobile communicator and said second user's mobile communicator. The second embodiment of Bell, as shown in Fig. 2, includes a server which communicates with a first user's mobile communicator and with a second user's mobile communicator but does not show or suggest a server operative, following provision of personal information, to enable communication between the first and second user via said first user's mobile communicator and said second user's mobile communicator. Thus, Bell does not show or suggest a server operative, following provision of personal information, to enable a first user to communicate with a second user as recited in claim 27.

The Examiner, in the remarks in support of the rejection cited above, referenced paragraphs [0106]-[0107] of Bell. Applicant respectfully submits that the communication described by Bell in the referenced paragraphs is between a user's device and a server and not between two user devices. In paragraph [0106], the server is operative to transmit to the first user device (111) the personal data (126) relating to the second user stored therein (database 105). Subsequently, the server (database 105) may communicate with the second user's device (121) to determine if the second user granted permission to the server to transmit the personal data to the first user. In paragraph [0107], Bell states that this communication, if permitted, is between the server and the first user's communicator along a communications channel (140) therebetween. (see also Fig. 2 of Bell) Thus, Bell does not show or suggest communication between a first user's device and a second user's user device enabled by a server.

Applicant has carefully reviewed the entire disclosure of Bell and respectfully submits that Bell does not show or suggest "a server operative, following provision to said first user of said personal information relating to said second user and provision to said second user of said personal information relating to said first user, to

enable communication between said first and second user via said first user's mobile communicator and said second user's mobile communicator," as recited in claim 27.

Applicant submits that none of the cited prior art, alone or in combination, shows or suggests an introductions system including, inter alia, a server operative, following provision to a first user of the personal information relating to a second user and provision to the second user of the personal information relating to the first user, to enable communication between the first and the second user via the first user's mobile communicator and the second user's mobile communicator, as recited in claim 27, and that claim 27 is therefore patentable.

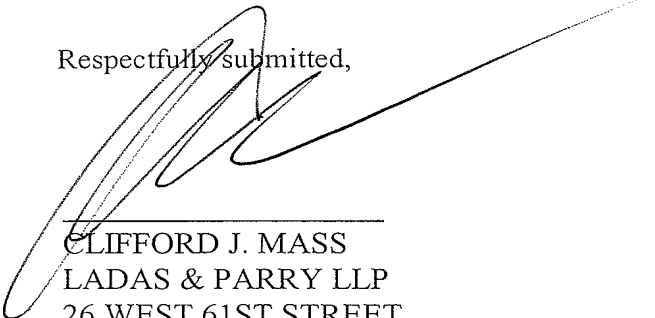
Method claim 32 is similar in scope to system claim 27 and is therefore patentable. Claims 28-31 each depend from claim 27 and recite additional patentable subject matter and are therefore patentable. Claims 33-36 each depend from claim 32 and recite additional patentable subject matter and are therefore patentable.

Applicant has carefully studied the remaining prior art of record herein and concludes that the invention as described and claimed in the present application is neither shown in nor suggested by the cited art.

Applicant reserves the right to pursue the claims as filed in the context of a continuation application.

In view of the foregoing remarks, all of the claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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